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Chairman Ross Johnson
Fair Political Practices Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: June 12, 2008 Agenda Item #12
Prenotice Discussion of Amendments to Regulation 18946.4

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I write on behalf of the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) regarding proposed amendments to Regulation 18946.4. We urge the Fair Political Practices Commission to reject the proposed elimination of the "no value rule" that applies 501(c)(3) fundraising events.

VIC's mission is to unite people of conscience in interfaith action to build bridges of understanding, service and justice, with a primary focus on serving the needs of the elderly, disabled adults, and at-risk children and families.

In 2007, VIC provided services to more than 17,000 seniors, disabled adults, at risk children and families, as well as 3,000 other adults suffering from or at risk of hunger, in Los Angeles County, primarily in the San Fernando Valley. Services were provided through three Multi-Purpose Senior Centers, four Adult Day Support Centers, Meals on Wheels, and a coalition of 9 Food Pantries. VIC also brings together persons and congregations of many different faiths, and secular organizations, in interfaith action to alleviate human and social needs in the Valley. The membership of VIC is comprised of people from the business, service and religious communities in the Valley, and a network of diverse congregations.

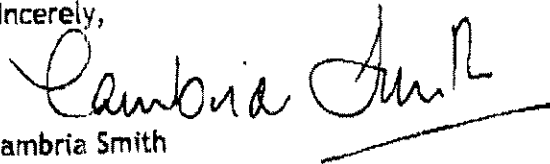
Like most nonprofit organizations, VIC is extremely dependent on fundraising events to fund our many programs. Our fundraisers are important not just because of the monies they raise but also because of the opportunities they provide for networking among our community members.

The involvement and attendance of public officials at our organization's fundraising events helps our nonprofit carry out its mission and goals by providing the opportunity to network and exchange information with government leaders regarding our

charitable programs. Elimination of the "no value" rule could unnecessarily create disclosure, gift limit, or conflict of interest issues for public officials who support our charity, create an impediment to the officials' attendance at our fundraising events, and, therefore, negatively impact our organization.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to reject the proposed changes to Regulation 18946.4 that would eliminate the current "no value" rule for 501(c)(3) charities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cambria Smith", with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

Cambria Smith
President

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